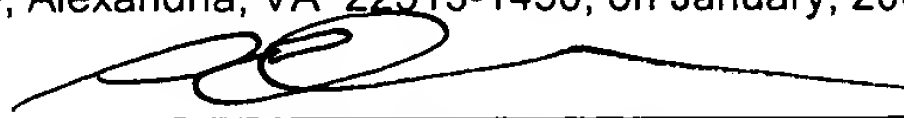




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In re Application of: Sundar Narayanan)	
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Serial No.: 09/753,011)	
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Filing Date: January 2, 2001)	Examiner: James M. Mitchell
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Title: METHOD OF MAKING UNIFORM)	Group Art Unit No.: 2827
OXIDE LAYER)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.